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பதில் சொல்ல விரும்பவில்லை. அக்ரிகல்சரல்-இன்கம் டாக்ஸைப் பொறுத்த வரையில், பல கனம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நினைக்கக்கூடிய நினைவுகளுக்கெல்லாம் இப்பொழுது பதில் சொல்ல சந்தர்ப்பம் இல்லையென்றாலும், மொத்தமாக அரசாங்கம் தன்னுடைய வரி விதிப்புக் கொள்கைகளுக்குத் திருத்தங்கள் ஏற்படவேண்டும் என்று நினைக்கும்போது, நிச்சயமாக இதையெல்லாம் ஞாபகத்தில் வைத்துக்கொள்ளும் என்ற கருத்தை மட்டும் சொல்லிக் கொண்டு என்னுடைய வார்த்தையை முடிக்கிறேன்.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1966 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1966) be taken into consideration".

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 10 were put and carried.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Long Title were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1966 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1966), be passed".

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will now adjourn. . .

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, we have some more business to be finished. So, I move—

"That the House do resume its sittings".

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That the House do resume its sittings".

The motion was put and carried and the House resumed its sittings.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister for Local Administration may now move the motion standing in his name.

VII.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) DRAFT AMENDMENT TO RULE UNDER THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: Sir, I move—

"That the following draft of an amendment to sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of Schedule III to the Madras District Municipalities Act,

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1920 (Madras Act V of 1920), proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras under sub-section (1) of section 305 of the said Act be approved :—

Draft amendment.

In sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of Schedule III to the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920 (Madras Act V of 1920) after the first sentence, the following shall be inserted, namely :—

"Only urgent matters of local importance relating to municipal administration which cannot wait till the next ordinary or urgent meeting shall be considered at special meetings and not more than one subject shall be considered at such meetings".

Under Rule 3 (1) of the rules relating to mode of transaction of business at meetings of municipal councils in Schedule III to the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Chairman shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than one-third of the members then on the Council, convene a meeting of the Council, provided that the requisition specifies the day (not being a public holiday as defined) when and the purpose for which the meeting is to be held. The requisition shall be delivered at the municipal office during office hours to the Chairman, Secretary, Manager or any other person who may then be in charge of the office at least ten clear days before the day of the meeting.

Under rule 3 (2), if the Chairman fails within forty-eight hours from the delivery of such requisition to call a meeting on the day specified therein, or within three days thereafter, the meeting may be called by the members who signed the requisition on giving the notice provided for in sub-rule (1) of rule 2 to the other members of the Council.

According to the rule, the requisition should specify the purpose for which the meeting is to be held. The term 'purpose' does not preclude more than one subject or a number of subjects being considered at the meeting. There is nothing in the Rules or Regulations framed by Government to restrict the number of times a special meeting can be called for either, provided the prescribed formalities are observed. The Chairman also is left with no option but to convene such meetings, as in case he fails to call for the meeting, the members who signed the requisition can themselves call for the meeting. It is however open to the Chairman to adjourn the meeting for valid reasons to be recorded in writing. Though the occasions for calling such meetings should be few and far between and the object of such meetings should be to consider a specified, yet the rule as it stands, gives unlimited powers to councillors in the matter of convening special meetings. Such powers are likely to lead to abuses.

In order to prevent misuse of the rule, it is proposed to amend the said rule 3 (1) by providing therein that only urgent matters of local importance relating to municipal administration which cannot

wait till the next ordinary or urgent meeting shall be considered at special meetings and not more than one subject shall be considered at such meetings.

The above amendment will not entail legislation, but under section 305-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, a draft of the proposed amendment should be laid before the Chambers of the State Legislature and their approval obtained. I ask for the approval of the House accordingly.

The motion was put and carred.

(2) DRAFT RULE UNDER THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION ACT, 1931

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

" That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the State Government under section 17 (1) of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931 (Madras Act III of 1931), amending Schedule III to the said Act, be approved :—

Draft Rule.

In the said Schedule III, after item 4 the following item shall be inserted, namely :—

Classes of vehicles.	*Maximum tax for vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres.*		*Maximum tax for other vehicles.*	
	For a period not exceeding seven days.	*For a period exceeding seven days, but not exceeding thirty days.*	*For a period not exceeding seven days.*	*For a period exceeding seven days but not exceeding thirty days.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	RS. P.	RS. P.	RS. P.	RS. P.
"4-A Motor Vehicles not themselves constructed to carry any load, but used for haulage only—				
(a) weighing not more than 2,500 Kgs. unladen.	12.00	35.00	18.00	53.00
(b) weighing more than 2,500 kgs. unladen.	17.00	50.00	26.00	75.00 "